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KERALA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTIFICATION

No. DE III (3)1176927/2025/EW **Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 30 August 2025**

DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION FOR LEGAL ASSISTANTS – SEPTEMBER 2025

General Instructions to Candidates

Remittance of Examination Fee through e-payment only. Applications of Candidates who do not remit through e-payment facility before the last date of Application will be rejected (See Para 5).

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1 Applications are invited from Legal Assistants in the Law Department and other Departments for Admission to the Departmental Examination (Online/OMR Exam) prescribed for them through online only.

2 Before submitting applications candidates must register as per **One Time Registration** Scheme through the official website of the Kerala Public Service Commission – **www.keralapsc.gov.in** (Departmental Test Registration) for applying the test. While doing the registration candidates must upload a passport size photo taken within a period of past six months and the personal details such as Date of birth, address, designation & Official address etc. Then a user ID will be allotted. Candidates himself may be chosen the password and user ID. Candidates are responsible for the correctness of the information and secrecy of password. Before applying for the test, candidates must ensure correctness of the information in his/her profile. They must quote the user ID for further communication with the Commission. The application will be summarily rejected, if non-compliance with the notification is found in due course of processing.

Instructions regarding uploading the photo

a Photographs uploaded should be of colour / black and white taken from **31-12-2015. The name of the candidate and the date of taking photograph should be printed at the bottom.** It should be without cap or goggles (Except those worn in adherence to religious custom). Uploading photograph should be 200 pixels height, 150 pixels width, not exceeding a file size of 30 kb, in JPG format. The face and shoulders should be clear, background should be white/light coloured, face centrally focused and eyes open and vivid.

b **Candidates shall download their Admission Ticket and Identification certificates with photo through their profile. Candidate should have to produce the attested Admission ticket and Identification certificate at the time of examination. Otherwise will not be allowed to attend the examination.**

3 The examination will be held at the office of the Kerala Public Service Commission, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram-4.

4 The candidates for the examinations will have to satisfy all the conditions laid down in G.O. (P) No. 481/Public (Special) Department dated: 8.11.1963 and the amendments issued thereto.

5 **Examination Fee/Certificate Fee** :

a) The examination fee prescribed is Rs. 160/- per paper vide GO(P) No. 28/2019 Fin dated 08/03/2019 and Certificate Fee is Rs. 210/-.

b) An internet banking enabled bank account is required for e-payment.

c) The applicant must ensure that Examination Fee/Certificate Fee due are remitted within the last date.

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d) The applicant must remit fees through the Make Payment (e-Payment) link in their profile before the last date. Payment by other means such as Treasury Chalan, Crossed Postal Order, e-Chalan etc will not be accepted.

e) The applicant can note down the GR Number (Government Reference Number), generated during e-Payment, for transaction failure clarifications, if any.

f) Fees, once remitted, will not be refunded/adjusted under any circumstances. Hence, before proceeding to e-Payment, the applicant must ensure that they have applied for the correct examinations, papers and certificates.

g) Change in Head of Account is also not allowed, once the remittance is made, i.e, fees remitted under Certificate Fees cannot be converted as Examination Fee.

h) However, changes in the papers/examination applied can be made till the last date of application.

i) The certificate fee need not be remitted for the those examinations, for which applied as per earlier notifications (January 2011 onwards) and the applicant had applied for examinations in that term and the original chalan had been verified.

j) For those who applied as per earlier notifications (January 2011 onwards) and did not appear for any of the examinations in that term must remit the certificate fee through e-payment.

k) In case of transaction failures, the applicant can clarify the status of their transaction from the Treasury/Bank concerned.

6 The syllabus of the examination, the maximum and the minimum marks required for a pass etc. are given below. Books will not be supplied from this office for reference in the examination hall.

7 The admission tickets of eligible candidates will be made available in their profiles. **Candidates can download Admission Ticket online by logging into their profile using their USER ID and password**.

8 **Candidates can make any changes in their application up to the last date of receipt of applications. Application will be admitted on the basis of the details and photos existing on the last date of receipt of application.**

9 **On the first day of the examination candidates must produce Identification Certificate duly attested by the Head of Office at the time of examination and handed over to the officers concerned. Otherwise answer script will be invalidated. Candidate without Admission Ticket and Identification Certificate will not be permitted to attend the examination.**

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10 The date and time of exam will be intimated through mass media and the website of KPSC (www.keralapsc.gov.in). **No individual intimation will be served.**

11 Last date of receipt of application through online – **12/11//2025 at 12.00 Midnight**.

12 Application with photos that is not as per para 2 (a) will be rejected and is non-appealable.

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KERALA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

No. DE III (3)1176927/2025/EW **Dated: 30/08/20225**

NOTIFICATION

DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION FOR LEGAL ASSISTANTS - SEPTEMBER 2025

1 Applications are invited online only from Legal Assistants in the Law Department and other Departments / Institutions (who have not passed the Bar Council Examinations) and also from candidates belonging to other Departments / Institutions for whom this test has been made obligatory and confidential Assistants including Office Superintendents and Typist including Office Superintendents of Law Department who possess the requisite Law qualification for Admission to the Departmental Test (O.M.R./Online Exam) for Legal Assistants prescribed in G.O(MS)158/public (special Department), dated 06-05-1964 as modified by G.O(MS)No.39/75/PD dated 26-02-1975 and G.O(MS) No.27/2/GAD dated 16-01-2002.

Note: I The Legal Assistants Grade-I and Confidential Assistants (including Office Superintendents) and Typist (including Office Superintendents) of the Law Department who possess LLB Degree of any university in which the subjects for LLB Examination cover the syllabus prescribed for I & II papers under Part I of the Departmental test will be exempted from passing papers I & II under Part I of the Departmental Test for appointment as Section Officer, Law Department [vide (1) G.O(MS)No.157/77/GAD dated 31-05-1977 (2) G.O(MS) No 505/80/GAD dated 28-10-1980].

II Govt Vide GO (Rl) No 490/2022/LAW dt 27/04/2022 have clarified that Legal Assistants who have already been enrolled as Advocates are not required to attend the test.

2 The examination will be held according to the syllabus given in Annexure A. The Exact date and time of the exam will be intimated through mass media and the website of KPSC (www.keralapsc.gov.in). No individual intimation will be served.

3 Test will be open to (1) All Legal Assistants (Irrespective of Grades) who have not passed the Bar Council Examination (2) Persons already appointed as Superintendents in Law Department and holding the post by virtue of the temporary exemption granted to them from passing the Bar Council Examination and (3) The confidential Assistants including Office Superintendents and Typists including Office Superintendents of the Law Department who possess the requisite Law qualification (4) Candidates belonging to other Departments / other Institutions for whom this test has been made obligatory.

4 The test can be passed part-by –part or paper-by-paper.

5 Those who have already passed any part or paper of the Old Bar Council Examination will be treated as exempted from passing the corresponding part or paper of the test.

6 The test is prescribed as part of the probation or training of an officer, whether recruited direct or by transfer or for the purpose of making him eligible for increment or for confirmation in any post, or for promotion to a higher post, or where it is prescribed as a qualification necessary for an officer to continue in this post without penalty, or where it has been newly imposed on persons already in the service concerned no fee will be levied. This concession will however, be limited to one chance for each test and from the second chance onwards fees will be levied as prescribed, subject to following proviso: " For the above purpose the mere fact of having applied for test in full or in part or in papers of the test will also be treated as appearance for the full test"

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ANNEXURE – A

SYLLABUS FOR DEPARTMENTAL TEST FOR LEGAL ASSISTANTS

PART-I

I Paper - Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023

II Paper - Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023

(Without Books)

PART-II

Combined Exam for the Kerala Stamp act and the Indian Limitation Act etc

1) The Kerala Stamp Act, 1959

2) The Kerala Court fee and Suits Valuation Act, 1960

3) The Indian Limitation Act, 1963

4) The Kerala Civil Court Act, 1957

5) The Kerala High Court Act, 1959 and the Small Cause Courts Act (Act of 1957) VII

(Without Books)

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Time and Marks:- Each paper will be of Two hours duration. The total marks for each paper is 100 and the minimum required for a pass is 40. **Negative marking is applicable. No marks will be lost for unanswered questions. One mark will be awarded for each correct answer and 0.33 marks will de deducted for each incorrect answer.**

Note:- The time table and further instructions regarding the Test will be published in official website / media in due course.

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KERALA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

NOTIFICATION

No. DE III(1)3/2024-KPSC **Thiruvananthapuram**

Dated: 23.09.2025

KERALA CRIMINAL JUDICIAL TEST – SEPTEMBER 2025
General Instructions to Candidates

Remittance of Examination Fee through e-payment only. Applications of Candidates who do not remit through e-payment facility before the last date of Application will be rejected (See Para 4).

1 Applications are invited online only from candidates for the **Online Test** Departmental Examination of **Kerala Criminal Judicial Test – SEPTEMBER 2025** Applications submitted through other means will be summarily rejected.

2 Before submitting the applications candidates must register as per **One Time Registration** on the official website of the Kerala Public Service Commission – www.keralapsc.gov.in. While doing the registration candidates must upload a recent photo of prescribed size and the personal details such as Date of birth, address, designation & Official address etc. Then a user ID will be allotted. Candidates himself may choose the password and user ID. Candidates are responsible for the correctness of the information and secrecy of password. Before applying for the test, candidates must ensure correctness of the information in his/her profile. They must quote the user ID for further communication with the Commission. The application will be summarily rejected, if non-compliance with the notification is found during the processing of application.

Instructions regarding uploading the photo

a) Photographs uploaded should be of colour / black and white taken on or after **01-01-2016. The name of the candidate and the date of taking photograph should be printed at the bottom.** It should be without cap or goggles (Except those worn in adherence to religious custom). Uploading photograph should be 200 pixels height, 150 pixels width, not exceeding a file size of 30 kb, in jpg format. The face and shoulders should be clear, background should be white/light coloured, face centrally focused and eyes open and vivid.

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b) **Candidates shall download their Admission Ticket with photo through their profile. Candidates have to produce the attested Admission ticket at the time of examination. Otherwise they will not be allowed to attend the examination.**

3 The candidates for the examinations will have to satisfy all the conditions laid down in G.O. (P) No. 481/Public (Special) Department dated: 8.11.1963 and the amendments issued thereto.

4 Examination Fee/Certificate Fee :

a) The examination fee prescribed is Rs. 160/- per paper vide GO(P) No 28/2019 Fin dated 08/03/2019 and Certificate Fee is Rs. 210/-.

b) An internet banking enabled bank account is required for e-payment.

c) The applicant must ensure that Examination Fee/Certificate Fee due are remitted within the last date.

d) The applicant must remit fees through the Make Payment (e-Payment) link in their profile before the last date. Payment by other means such as Treasury Chalan, Crossed Postal Order, e-Chalan etc will not be accepted.

e) The applicant can note down the GR Number (Government Reference Number), generated during e-payment, for transaction failure clarifications, if any.

f) Fees, once remitted, will not be refunded/adjusted under any circumstances. Hence, before proceeding to e-Payment, the applicant must ensure that they have applied for the correct examinations, papers and certificates.

g) Change in Head of Account is also not allowed, once the remittance is made, i.e, fees remitted under Certificate Fees cannot be converted as Examination Fees.

h) However, changes in the papers/examination applied can be made till the last date of application.

i) The certificate fee need not be remitted for those examinations, for which applied as per earlier notifications (January 2011 onwards) and the applicant had applied for the examinations in that term and the original Chalan had been verified.

j) For those who applied as per earlier notifications (January 2011 onwards) and did not appear for any of the examinations in that term must remit the certificate fee through e-payment.

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k) Those candidates who have applied for Kerala Criminal Judicial Test under Part III (Separate Test) and remitted the Certificate Fee in response to earlier notifications should remit the Certificate Fee again for applying Kerala Criminal Judicial Test (LLB Candidates) under Part III.

l) In case of transaction failures, the applicant can clarify the status of their transaction from the Treasury/Bank concerned.

5 The detailed syllabus of the examination is given in Annexure III. Books will not be supplied from this office for reference in the examination hall.

6 The admission tickets of eligible candidates will be made available in their profiles. **Candidates can download Admission Ticket online by logging into their profile using their ID and password**.

7 **Candidates can make any changes in their application up to the last date of receipt of applications. Application will be admitted on the basis of the details and photos existing on the last date of receipt of application.**

8 **The candidates must produce their Admission Ticket at the time of examination and retain it after verification. In the Admission Ticket, the Head of the Department should examine and attest the Signature, Name, Photograph (Scanned Image) and free chance claim (if eligible) of the candidate. Otherwise the answer script will be invalidated. Candidates without Admission Ticket will not be permitted to attend the examination. Office seal & designation seal must be affixed below the signature of the candidate.**

9 The date and time of exam will be intimated through mass media and the website of KPSC (www.keralapsc.gov.in). **No individual intimation will be served.**

10 Last date of receipt of application by online is on **12.11.2025 at 12 Midnight.**

11 Applications with photos that is not as per para 2 (a) will be rejected and is non-appealable.

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KERALA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTIFICATION

No. DE III (1)3/2024-KPSC **Dated: 23.09.2025**

KERALA CRIMINAL JUDICIAL TEST - SEPTEMBER 2025

1. In pursuance of the Government Order G.O. (MS)No.229 dated 24-02-1959 and G.O(P)No.501/65/RD dated 2/06/1965 as amended by G.O(P)No.1125/74/RD dated 11/11/1974 it is hereby notified that the Kerala Criminal Judicial Test (**Online Test**) mentioned in Annexure I to this notification will be held at the centres subject to availability in Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam and Kozhikode Regions. The Districts included in the regions are given below. Candidates can opt districts of same region in preference.

1. Thiruvananthapuram Region (Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta & Alappuzha)
2. Ernakulam Region (Kottayam, Idukki, Ernakulam, Thrissur & Palakkad)
3. Kozhikode Region (Malappuram, Kozhikode, Wayanad, Kannur & Kasargod)

2. This test is open to Service Candidates to whom this test is obligatory for the declaration of probation or necessary for promotion to a higher post in his/her department.

3. The test is prescribed as part of the probation or training of an officer (whether recruited direct or by transfer) or for the purpose of making him eligible for increment or for confirmation in any post or for promotion to higher post or where it is prescribed as a qualification necessary for an officer to continue in his post without penalty and where it has been newly imposed on persons already in the Service concerned, no fee will be levied. This concession will however, be limited to one chance for the test, irrespective of the number of papers or parts of the test applied for and from the second chance onwards fee will be levied. Provided that for the purpose of the concession mentioned above the mere fact of having applied for the test in full or in parts will be taken to mean that the candidates has appeared for the whole test and that appearance for any paper of the test will also be treated as an appearance for the full test.

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4. Details regarding the duration of each paper, the maximum marks, the minimum marks required for a pass etc are given in Annexure-II.

5. Any candidate who does not behave properly towards the Chief Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents of the Examination or is found to have bad recourse or malpractice of any kind will have his examination invalidated. He is also liable to be debarred from appearing for any of the examination conducted by the Public Service Commission for such period as the Commission may decide. Besides the matter will be reported to the Head of the Department and the Director of Vigilance Departments for further action. The same penalty will be imposed on any candidate who attempts to canvas or to bring influence to bear on an Examiner or a Member of Commission or their staff in connection with the examination or on whose behalf such attempts is made by any relative, friend, patron, official or other person.

6. Any Communication intended for the Commission should be addressed only to the Joint Secretary (Departmental Tests), Public Service Commission, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram-4.

7. The time table for the examinations and further instructions to candidates will be posted on the official website of the Kerala Public Service Commission.

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ANNEXURE – 1

The details regarding the Part of Papers of the test and the fee payable for each Part or Paper are the following

KERALA CRIMINAL JUDICIAL TEST (For General Candidates) (Exam Code - 208)

1	Kerala Criminal Judicial Test- Part I (Fee Rs. 320/-)	:	Paper I- Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023- General Principles (Without Books) (Paper Code - 251) Paper II- Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023- Detailed Application (With Books) (Paper Code - 252)
2	Kerala Criminal Judicial Test- Part II (Fee Rs. 320/-)	:	Paper I- Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023(Act 46 of 2023) - General Principles (Without Books) (Paper Code - 253) Paper II- Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023(Act 46 of 2023)- Detailed Application (With Books) (Paper Code - 254)
3	Kerala Criminal Judicial Test- Part III (Fee Rs. 320/-)	:	Paper I- Medical Jurisprudence (With Books) (Paper Code - 255) Paper II-Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam 2023 (With Books) (Paper Code - 256)

KERALA CRIMINAL JUDICIAL TEST for LLB Candidates only (Exam Code - 213)

1	Medical Jurisprudence as prescribed under Kerala Criminal Judicial Test- Part III (Fee Rs. 160/-) (Separate Test)	:	Same as Item No.1 under Part III of Kerala Criminal Judicial Test (Paper Code - 255)

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2	**Bharatiya Sakhshya Adhiniyam 2023 as prescribed under Kerala Criminal Judicial Test-** **Part III (Fee Rs. 160/-)** **(Separate Test)**	:	**Same as Item No.2 under Part III of Kerala Criminal Judicial Test** **(Paper Code - 256)**

Note:- 1. Only Graduates in Law are eligible for admission to Kerala Criminal Judicial Test (for LLB candidates)

2. In the case of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam 2023, candidates are allowed to use only the Bare Acts of any publication wherever the Examination is "With Books". In the case of Medical Jurisprudence candidates are allowed to use only J.P.Modi's Medical Jurisprudence and Toxicology for India (26th Edition). **No Text books on the subject other than those mentioned above or other books containing notes or commentaries and guides, digests, summaries etc will be allowed for reference in the Examination.**

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ANNEXURE II

The duration of each paper, the maximum marks and the minimum required for a pass are as follows:-

KERALA CRIMINAL JUDICIAL TEST (For General Candidates)
(Exam Code - 208)

Part I

			Marks	Maximum Marks
1	Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023	General Principles (Paper Code - 251) (Without Books) (Two hours)	100	200
2	Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023	Detailed Application (Paper Code - 252) (With Books) (Two hours)	100	

Part II

3	Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 (Act 46 of 2023)	General Principles (Paper Code - 253) (Without Books) (Two hours)	100	200
4	Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 (Act 46 of 2023)	Detailed Application (Paper Code - 254) (With Books) (Two hours)	100	

Part III

5	Medical Jurisprudence (Paper Code – 255) (With Books) (Two hours)	100	200
6	Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam 2023 (Paper Code – 256) (With Books) (Two hours)	100	

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KERALA CRIMINAL JUDICIAL TEST (for LLB Candidates only)
(Exam Code– 213)

1	**Medical Jurisprudence (With Books) (Separate Test) (Two hours)**	100	100
2	**Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam 2023 (With Books) (Separate Test) (Two hours)**	100	100

Note. For a pass in the 'Kerala Criminal Judicial Test' (General Candidates), Part I, II & III, candidates should obtain 33% of the marks in each paper and 40% for each part. For a pass in "Medical Jurisprudence" and "Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam 2023", separate test mentioned in Kerala Criminal Judicial Test (LLB Candidates) above, candidates should obtain 40% for each paper. Candidates should obtain separate minimum marks for each paper and aggregate minimum marks for each part simultaneously at a time and pass to each individual paper in one part at different examinations/sittings will not be considered.

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Annexure III

DETAILED SYLLABUS

KERALA CRIMINAL JUDICIAL TEST (SEPTEMBER 2025)

(For General Candidates)

Sl. No.	Paper Name		Marks	Maximum Marks
Part I				
1	Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023	General Principles (without Books) (Two hours)	100	200
2	Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023	Detailed Application (With Books) (Two hours)	100	
Part II				
3	Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 (Act 46 of 2023)	General Principles (without Books) (Two hours	100	200
4	Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 (Act 46 of 2023)	Detailed Application (With Books) (Two hours)	100	
Part III				
5	Medical Jurisprudence (With Books) (Two hours) *[J P Modi's Text on Medical Jurisprudence and Toxicology for India (26th Edition Only)* ***Chapters*** ***Chapter VIII – Medico-Legal Aspects of Death*** ***Chapter X - Personal Identity*** ***Chapter XIII – Post-mortem Examination*** ***Chapter XIV – Exhumation*** ***Chapter XV – Post-mortem Changes and Time Since Death*** ***Chapter XVI – Post-mortem Artefacts*** ***Chapter XIX – The Pathology of Sudden Natural Death*** ***Chapter XX – Deaths from Asphyxia*** ***Chapter XXI – Death from Starvation, Cold and Heat*** ***Chapter XXII – Injuries from Burns, Scalds, Lightning and Electricity*** ***Chapter XXV – Injuries by Mechanical Violence*** ***Chapter XXVII – Medico-Legal Aspects of Wounds*** ***Chapter XXXII -Sexual Offences*** ***Chapter XXXIV - Infanticide]***		100	200
6	Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam 2023 (With Books) (Two hours)		100	

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KERALA CRIMINAL JUDICIAL TEST (SEPTEMBER 2025)

(For LLB Candidates only)

1	Medical Jurisprudence (With Books) (Separate Test) (Two hours) ***[J P Modi's Text on Medical Jurisprudence and Toxicology for India (26th Edition Only)*** ***Chapters*** ***Chapter VIII – Medico-Legal Aspects of Death*** ***Chapter X - Personal Identity*** ***Chapter XIII – Post-mortem Examination*** ***Chapter XIV – Exhumation*** ***Chapter XV – Post-mortem Changes and Time Since Death*** ***Chapter XVI – Post-mortem Artefacts*** ***Chapter XIX – The Pathology of Sudden Natural Death*** ***Chapter XX – Deaths from Asphyxia*** ***Chapter XXI – Death from Starvation, Cold and Heat*** ***Chapter XXII – Injuries from Burns, Scalds, Lightning and Electricity*** ***Chapter XXV – Injuries by Mechanical Violence*** ***Chapter XXVII – Medico-Legal Aspects of Wounds*** ***Chapter XXXII -Sexual Offences*** ***Chapter XXXIV - Infanticide]***	100	100
2	Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam 2023(With Books) (Two hours)	100	100

Note: Case laws and/or application level questions shall be excluded

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